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SUBJ: WEATHER MODIFICATION-NIGER

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DURING JULY 20 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER SABO ON ANOTHER MATTER, HE BROUGHT UP SUBJECT WEATHER MODIFICATION. HE SAID REQUEST TO USG FOR HELP WAS MADE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT DIORI ALTHOUGH LETTER SIGNED BY ACTING PRESIDENT KAZIENDE. HE CONFIRMED ACCOUNTS EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY HEARD THAT RAINS BEGINNING IN EASTERN PART OF NIGER, AND THAT AREA BETWEEN NIAMEY-MARADI CONTINUES TO RECEIVE GOOD RAINFALL. CAUTIONING LEST WE BE LULLED BY THE CURRENT RAINFALL HE SAID JULY RAINS ARE USUALLY GOOD; EVEN LAST JULY RAINS WERE ABOUT NORMAL. THE CRUCIAL PERIOD IS FROM MID-AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER. IT WAS THE LACK OF RAIN IN THESE MONTHS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT CAUSED THE CROPS TO FAIL AND THE PASTURAGE TO DRY UP. HE SAID THE MAIN SUBJECT IN NEARLY EVERYONE'S MIND IS THE EXTENT AND DURATION OF THIS YEAR'S RAIN. FOR THIS REASON PRESIDENT DIORI WAS COUNTING ON USG TO PROVIDE MEANS TO PROLONG RAINS ARTIFICIALLY IF NECESSARY. I ASSURED HIM MATTER WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON AND REPEATED REASONS FOR OUR DECISION TURN DOWN GON REQUESTS TWO PREVIOUS YEARS. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD REASONS BUT HE HOPED THIS YEAR'S REQUEST WOULD RECEIVE MORE

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